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POLAND: Symbol of Resistance Barred

Polish authorities in Warsaw yesterday moved to prevent the nearly daily reconstruction of a large floral cross in memory of Cardinal Wyszynski. Church and municipal authorities announced on Tuesday they will build a monument to Wyszynski in the capital. Church officials recently suggested [REDACTED] that the struggle over the unsanctioned but immensely popular cross has put the Church in an awkward position. [REDACTED]

Comment: By removing the most visible symbol of resistance to martial law, the regime has eliminated the main focal point for demonstrations in Warsaw. At the same time, however, it has eliminated an important safety valve for popular frustrations and thus increased the danger of more clashes between demonstrators and police. [REDACTED]

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